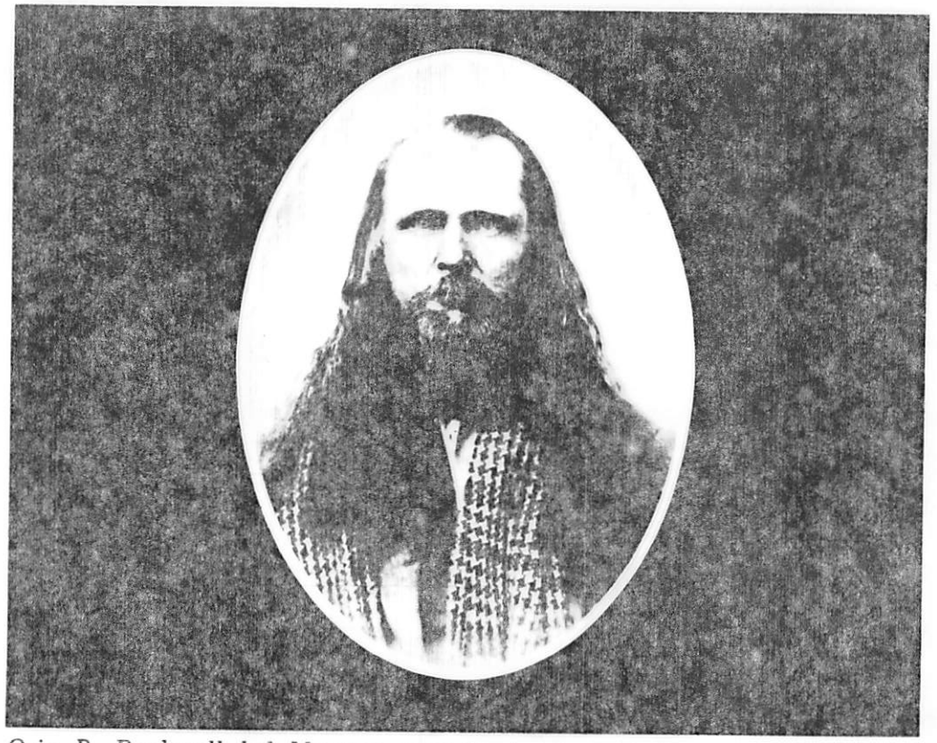


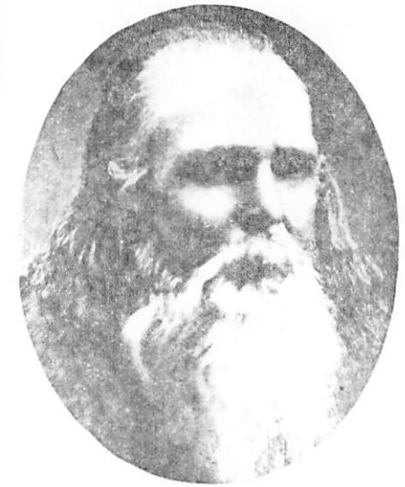
Orin P. Rockwell led Mormon guerrilla bands against army supply trains.

. . . But [obtain] of the emigration all the guns and ammunition that you can at reasonable prices, although we expect to make our enemies furnish us what we shall need of those articles . . . that is if they come near enough to give us a chance, and if they do not we shall not need it. . . . Fix your guns for shooting but lay low.

As ever yours,
Brigham Young

Even as late as September 7, Brigham Young gave assurance to Lewis Robison that the settlers at the fort would be safe that winter. He believed the army would not go beyond Fort Laramie. But he encouraged the colonists to allow the passage of U.S. supply trains. These could be possessed as partial payment for the debt owed to the territorial legislature by the federal government.

By the middle of September the Fort Bridger and Fort Supply settlers began to fear for their safety. The U.S. Army received Brigham Young's proclamation forbidding it to enter the territory at Ham's Fork, only thirty-five miles from Fort Bridger. Orders were now being given to the people at the forts that they



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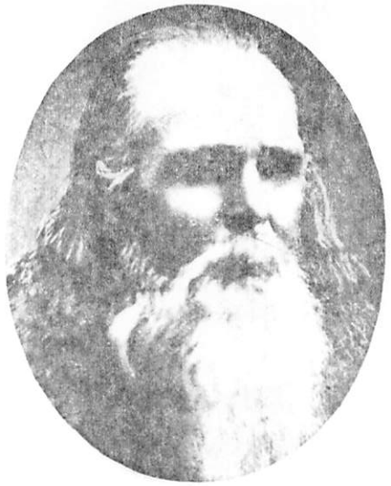

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